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INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT POUCH

C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTREAL 1411

FROM USREPDOWNS ICAO

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, EAIR, ICAO, LE  
SUBJECT: POLITICIZATION OF ICAO, SELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

REF: A) STATE 167737, B) BEIRUT 3890

1. US REP APPRECIATES RESULTS OF EMBASSY'S CONVERSATION WITH BEYDOUN. US REP FEELS FURTHER BACKGROUND ON SELECTION PROCESS MAY BE USEFUL. SECGEN'S ROLE IN NEW SELECTION PROCESS IS EXTREMELY LIMITED. SECGEN MUST SUBMIT ALL APPLICATIONS, DIVIDED INTO QUALIFIED AND UNQUALIFIED GROUPS, TO AD HOC COMMISSION. SECGEN'S ROLE THEREAFTER IS LIMITED TO BEING SECRETARY TO COMMISSION. COMMISSION THEN PREPARES SMALLEST POSSIBLE "SHORT LIST", WHICH SECGEN MUST SEND TO COUNCIL FOR SELECTION. AFTER COUNCIL ACTION, SECGEN MUST APPOINT SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE.

2. WHILE NEW PROCESS IS DOUBTLESS MORE "DEMOCRATIC", ITS DEVELOPMENT STEMS FROM OST UNDEMOCRATIC MOTIVES. SIXTEEN COUNCIL REPS, IN BLOC VOTES, VOTES TO CUT OFF DEBATE AND THEN FORCED ADOPTION OF NEW PROCEDURE. BOTH ASSAD KOTAITE, NOW MOVED UP TO CONCIL PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY GENERAL LAMBERT  
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WERE AND ARE COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO PROCEDURE.

3. US REP ENJOYS VERY CORDIAL AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH LEBANESE REP ABOUCHACRA. ALTHOUGH ABOUCHACRA WAS ONE OF SIXTEEN WHO FORCED THIS ISSUE, RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM INDICATE THAT BOTH HE AND OUR EGYPTIAN COLLEAGUE ARE NOT AVERSE TO RECONSIDERATION OF MATTER. US REP BELIEVES

THAT SUCCESS OF ANY RECONSIDERATION WILL DEPEND IN CONSIDERABLE  
PART ON WILLINGNESS OF MONTREAL COUNCIL REPS TO OPEN-MINDEDLY  
APPLY THEIR COMMON SENSE. WE HOPE THAT DISCUSSION OF PROBLEM  
WITH NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS MAY REMOVE ELEMENT OF  
EMOTION WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENT HERETOFORE.  
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